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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) The particulars are given below :—

Name of the village.	Number of attacks.	Number cured.	Number of deaths.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Ponvilaintha Kalathur ...	17	7	10
Perumaleri	16	9	7
Kuppam of Tirukalikundram.	5	2	3

" (*d*) Immediately on receipt of reports of infection, Health Inspectors visited the villages and control measures such as inoculation, disinfection and chlorination of water sources, were instituted."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, has the incidence of cholera now abated or is it still prevalent in these parts? Is it not also a fact that medical aid was rushed to the places affected only after havoc and ravage was wrought by the epidemic and that even when information was brought to the medical authorities at Chingleput the authorities did shrug their shoulders and say that they had not enough personnel to tackle this disease and much less enough stock of medicine? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, this particular disease has completely subsided in Chingleput district and there are only a few sporadic cases. I cannot understand what is the basis of the information the Member has to make such an allegation."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, I am bringing to the notice of the Hon. the Minister for Public Health that I am the representative of that constituency and the basis of collecting this information is personal knowledge and the allegation made by the Hon. Minister that I am not posted with proper information is not correct? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There were only 20 deaths here and I do not understand, Sir, why the hon. Member is exaggerating the matter like this."

SRI S. RAMASAMI NAIDU :—" Sir, have the Government received any report of the ameliorative work done by the representative of that area in regard to the prevalence of cholera? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I presume the hon. Member is mostly in Madras City."

Tours of Revenue Divisional Officers and Sub-Collectors.

* 420 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any instruction to the Revenue Divisional Officers and Sub-Collectors that they should stay at Firka Headquarters in their periodical tours in their jurisdictions?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There is no such instruction."

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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" There are, Sir, instructions in the Board's Standing Orders that the Revenue Divisional Officers and Sub-Collectors should camp only in the headquarters of the firka when they tour in their jurisdiction. When there is an order like that, why should the Government say that there is no such instruction? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, there is no such order, as referred to by the hon. Member. There is an order that the halts and marches should be in the proportion of 1 : 2."

Explanation re a question and reply.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish with your permission to correct a mistake. When hon. Member, Sri V. Balakrishnan, put a supplementary question, I thought it referred to reservation for Backward Classes but I understand it was a question about reservation for Scheduled Castes. My answer was therefore not correct."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Excuse me, Mr. Speaker, my question referred only to reservation for Backward Classes."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Then my answer was correct."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

(1) MESSAGES FROM THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received messages, dated 7th January 1954, from the Hon. the Chairman, Madras Legislative Council, transmitting copies of the following Bills as agreed to by the Council without any amendments and signed by him :—

(1) The State Co-operative Societies (Reconstitution and Formation) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 1 of 1954).

(2) The Madras General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 2 of 1954).

(3) The Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 5 of 1954).

(4) The Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 6 of 1954).

" I have also to announce to the House the following message, dated 7th January 1954, received from the Hon. the Chairman, Madras Legislative Council :—

'In accordance with rule 112 of the Madras Council Rules, I return the Madras Contingency Fund Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 3 of 1954), as passed by the Council on the 7th January 1954 without any recommendation and signed by me.'